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(A TALK WASTE).

re: C-SPAN's Test Ahead

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Dear Friends:

And you are that, for you have aided immensely the pending demise of our greatest scourge (he says with theatricality)(but also in truth)----this dread oligopoly which has almost destroyed comity and all press trust. Shortly, millions are going to join in a huge populist crusade, made up of disparate factions, to the end of trying to ~~stop~~ ^{stop} this power of the state (via FCC) to manipulate news and silence opponents. Three decades and more of it are enough.*

I will even give you the citation relevant, i.e., CBS, Inc. v. Democratic National Committee 412 US 94, 36 L.ed 2d 772, 93 S. Ct. 2080. Adding, if I may, the principle to be tried, viz., common carrier as proposed by Jerome A. Barron, whose name is legion (and teachers at a nearby university whose name escapes me now. Why not have him on if you serve your logo of (paraphrased?) "All the information that is possible to gather," or something equally fatuous]. I must pause here to say that your selection of guests is consummately doctrinaire leftist (clock the Wash. Post & the others in the "seven deadly sinners" category). If seems you yourselves just do not think a sorry reporter can come from your Beltway Bums Parade, presswise. I know, I know, the attempt is there, but it is feeble. Culturally crippled pressies abound on C-SPAN. In giving their backgrounds, why not let us question them on that? Eleanor Clift a genuflector at IPS? M. Isikoff a breaker of local laws to get a story (at least MLK, Jr. went to jail to make his points)? Oh, yes, in time these fools who use their money to call C-SPAN will wise up. The entire cable industry is about to become a defendant, some say, in the matter of guaranteed access for all.

This AM, your use of M2 O'Hair I applaud. She is surely welcome to these ears as a counterweight to the braying jackass-bible-thumpers one must endure as the dial is flipped. Now, your test. If you went to Austin (and I'm not sure you did)---but it doesn't matter---you are leaving yourself open to going very nearby for another faction as much demonized as American Atheists et al. Namely, NRA. If that is not within your field of editorial vision, why not try the Second Amendment Foundation, Bellevue, WA which will convene soon near D.C?

Time is past for manners. Your ~~craft~~ ^{craft} is on the ropes and you had better wise up, dear ones. Either you stop paying lip service to your ~~credo~~ ^{credo}, or watch your own tumbrel come along. It is that serious. (Did you hear the press cheer the R/ King verdict?!).

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2. C-SPAN

There are literally thousands of literate critics of media-dom out here, who have had it with even the best of the squalid lot (C-SPAN). I no longer feel it necessary to be polite; for, your staff offends me weekly with this gaggle of culturally maimed insiders of reporting. The teams of husband-and-wife pressies was enough to make a buzzard retch, especially Al Hunt and Judy Woodruff. Hunt lacks essential manhood; and, spouse is so insular that one wonders if she has ever seen life since she entered PBS. Example: they both live in guarded high rise security (as you do). Both wish to disarm inner city women and the elderly in their clear endorsement of draconian anti-gun laws. Disgusting but de rigeur.

So, I really expect there is no further sense appealing to something non-existent: genuine probity at C-SPAN. From now on, it is litigation-time, baby.

I did catch a bit of your "Close-Up" session using an NRA woman rep. Good that the kids can get a modicum of balance. How about a scholar whose new book is setting the academic community of criminology afire? And, when the Brady Bill dog-and-pony show comes to the floor? Gary Kleck of Florida State University (his book Point Blank renders obsolete all your anti-gun-ownership theories). I really doubt that "Booknotes" has the courage to let him speak. Nor will we get yet another bombshell on the international scene: The Samurai, The Mountie, and The Cowboy by David B. Kopel of Denver, Co. Eleanor Roosevelt is an interesting historical figure; but, this kind of head-in-the-sand partisanship (only the neutral and bland and uncontroversial) is very evident on your Sunday PM program about the latest literary offerings. In short, you are culturally crippled, too. Sorry.

If things progress as I expect (from a lifetime of watching ~~on~~ ^{the} grossest national product), our local cable company, the giant, will be first in the docks. And, that bunch of scoundrels will not be up to saving you. Pity. The mood is ugly, friends. Time is short.

cc: NRA/SAF

In disgust,

Libertarian

*propaganda and censorship have been the norm since the godfather, Egbert R. Murrow. We simply aren't going to take it any more." Believe it. It is on the wall. Technology will not forestall common carrier. You can win some friends by at least using letters from viewers (op-ed).

PS: It will all crumble like a house of cards. NRA has been demonized and dragooned for 30 years. Why not let their editors speak to that? It is owed; and, I care ^{little} if you do or not.



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